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Manuel Sotomayor y Luna, Vice President of Ecuador, is reported to be planning to resign as soon as congress adjourns. If Sotomayor's voluntary, or forced, resignation becomes effective during the present session, he will be replaced by an opposition member and place the administration in a very uncomfortable position. If he resigns after the present session, which is scheduled to adjourn on 9 October 1949, no replacement would be named until the next session convenes in 1950. By that time, the administration hopes to have a majority in congress which will nominate one of its own men as the Vice President.

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Comment: If the new Vice President is not a member of the Conservative Party, there is a possibility that the Conservatives will join the opposition and ultimately bring about the downfall of the Plaza administration.

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